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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT OUTLINES PLANS FOR UPCOMING PARLIAMENTARY
SESSION

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1. A REITERATION OF THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO ACT SOON
TO PROTECT NORWEGIAN FISHERIES AND FISHERMEN AGAINST FOREIGN
FISHING WAS THE PRINCIPAL INTERNATIONAL ACTION ITEM IN KING
OLAV V'S SPEECH FROM THE THRONE OCTOBER 2. THE ADDRESS
OPENING THE STORTING AND OUTLINING THE LABOR GOVERNMENT'S
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE COMING YEAR ALSO RECITED THE
TRADITIONAL LINES OF NORWEGIAN FOREIGN AND DEFENSE POLICY AND
TOUCHED UPON THE PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PLANNED DOMESTIC LEGISLATIVE
ACTIVITY. THE STATEMENT MADE NO REFERENCE TO THE INTERNATIONAL
ENERGY PROGRAM.

2. THE FISHERIES PORTION OF STATEMENT EMPHASIZED GOVERNMENT'S
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DESIRE TO ENSURE SUCCESS OF LOS CONFERNECE AND IN PARTICULAR

TO ESTABLISH PROPOSED 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE. UNTIL THESE MEASURES ARE ADOPTED, STATEMENT SAID GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PROTECT NORWEGIAN COASTAL FISHERIES AND FISHERMEN (OSLO 4441).

3. PRINCIPAL DOMESTIC INITIATIVE OUTLINED WAS GOVERNMENT PLAN TO PROPOSE SUBSTANTIAL RELIEF IN DIRECT INCOME TAXES, WHILE AT SAME TIME SEEKING TO MODERATE INFLATION AND RESTRAIN GROWTH IN PUBLIC EXPENDITURES.

4. WHILE BUDGET WILL OCCUPY SESSION UNTIL DECEMBER OTHER ISSUES EXPECTED TO EMERGE IN PARLIAMENTARY SESSION INCLUDE ABORTION, DEMOCRATIZATION OF BANKS, FUTURE DOMESTIC ENERGY SUPPLIES, POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN THE ARMED FORCES, AND PERHAPS THE CONTROVERSIAL CROTALE ROCKET ISSUE.

5. COMMENT: THIS YEAR'S STATEMENT WAS ROUTINE, EMPHASIZED DOMESTIC, ESPECIALLY ECONOMIC CONCERNS, AND SET FORTH NO UNEXPECTED INITIATIVES OR ISSUES, REFLECTING AN UNCHANGED COMPOSITION OF PARLIAMENT AND THE LOW-KEY AND CAUTIOUS APPROACH OF THE CURRENT MINORITY LABOR GOVERNMENT.

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